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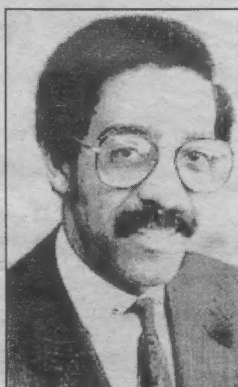
Essex Legislators ask state not to shortchange Newark schools



Assemblyman Donald Tucker



Senator Sharpe James



Senator Ronald Rice



Assemblyman William Payne



Assemblyman Craig Stanley

TRENTON — Five state legislators from the Essex County say they will continue fighting to ensure that the state does not abandon Newark schools in its attempt to balance the budget. The legislators have asked for a town hall style meeting with state Education Commissioner William

Librera. When the first state appointed superintendent, Beverly Hall, left the Newark schools in 1999, her parting gift to the city was a \$73 million deficit," said Senator Ronald Rice (D-Essex). "We understand that none of this was the fault of the current administration, but it was also not the fault of the children of Newark. The schools are still climbing out of the hole the state left for them, and asking them to absorb any more pain is unacceptable." Rice chairs the Joint Committee on Public Schools.

"The state took over the Newark school system and the problems being confronted today evolved during that takeover so the city cannot be held responsible," said Senator Sharpe James (D-Essex), who also serves as the Mayor of Newark. "If we are trying to teach the children of Newark the importance of responsibility, the lesson should start at the very top."

The state takeover began in 1995. Now the state wants to gradually return the control of

the school districts back to local boards in Newark, Jersey City and Paterson. All three communities are under state control. The state attempted to take over the Camden Board of Education last summer, however a Superior Court judge ruled that the sections of the legislation that would have allowed the move are unconstitutional.

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At the time of the takeovers, state officials charged the three cities with failing test scores, high drop out rates, and poor fiscal and operational management.

The legislators thanked the Newark Teachers Union for committing to do whatever was necessary to work in the best interests of the children.

"The unions have been very good. There have been no job actions. The unions are committed to the children of Newark and the school district. They have said they will work as hard as they can until the money runs out," Rice said in

an interview on Monday. "This (union position) is something you never see."

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that were made during that time which were way beyond the school budget amount," said Assemblyman Donald Tucker (D-Essex). "Those over expenditures were authorized by the state and now local government is strapped with the consequences of excessive spending. There is no effective way to clean it up without the state bearing most of the burden."

"The current state appointed superintendent should not be

considered a scapegoat in this crisis," said Assemblyman William Payne (D-Essex). "She has done a thorough job of trimming the fat from the budget and ensuring a lean and responsible fiscal report, and there is absolutely no room for any further cuts. The State Department of Education must assume responsibility for the fiscal situation that exists today."

The Newark legislators said that they plan to hold a town hall style meeting with Librera in late September or early October to focus on ways the state can help the city's schools deal with this crisis. They have already met with the Commissioner and his representatives.

"Correcting the shortfall will require either additional revenues or cuts to much needed programs." Assemblyman Craig Stanley (D-Essex), the vice Chairman of the Assembly Education Committee said. "At a time when we are beginning to make progress in Newark schools, we cannot afford to pull the rug out from under the students and teachers by cut-

ting these programs or making similar drastic reductions."

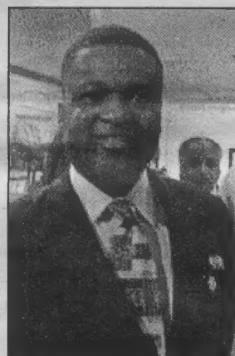
Rice said Governor James E. McGreevey has expressed interest in creative ways to save money without further cuts in the Newark schools budget. One possible area is special education, Rice says. The estimated 1,000 Newark students with special education needs are sent to other communities, although the Newark school district has the expertise and capacity to educate the students at a savings of one third of the current expenditure.

Rice said he supports current Newark schools superintendent Marion Bolden, a Newark native who was appointed by the state in 1999. The state has said it will conduct a national search to fill the superintendents in Newark and Paterson once control is returned to the local school boards. Rice says the national search is unnecessary.

"She is doing a great job. You don't need to take over anything, you just need to get the right people in place," Rice said. "They want her (Bolden) to be a cure all."

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There is yet another effort to carve away a piece of Newark's legacy by "blending UMDNJ and the New Jersey Institute of Technology into Rutgers University. UMDNJ, which was established in 1970, played a pivotal role of revitalizing Newark after the 1967 riots. The commission studying the proposal is scheduled to hold two more three public hearings Wednesday in New Brunswick and Newark.

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Editorial

Political intimidation of duly elected black officials must not succeed

The recent political loss of congressional seats by Cynthia McKinney in Georgia and Earl Hilliard in Alabama have very sinister overtones for the current political situation in New Jersey where our black elected officials in heavily black urban communities can no longer "safely" act autonomously to represent their views. The result is having outsiders exerting control over the black electorate and giving little or nothing in return.

Lately, when African American elected officials seek to act in the best interest of their constituency, - as others have always and will continue to do - it seems that a campaign is mounted against them. This political undermining seeks to snuff out those African Americans leaders who do not publically take a middle-of-the-road position, and refuse to allow themselves to be used to the greater good of others at the expense of their community. Sometimes it takes the form of heavy outside campaign donations, at other times it takes the form of using political favors to specifically target and attempt to hinder and weaken that erstwhile good, effective black leader. This can be observed locally in the current fisticuffs between Glenn Cunningham and Robert Menendez in Hudson County.

Cunningham, a native son, astute politician, and the first African American mayor in Jersey City, dared to make decisions and appointments that he felt would bring in new talent to the city, and spread the wealth around. Furthermore, he asserted himself in Hudson County politics in the manner befitting his role as the Democratic head of the largest city in the county. As a result of Cunningham "not staying in his place," a honest, competent, dedicated African American may become a lame duck, one term mayor because of a egotistic power struggle with fellow Democrat Menendez, the U.S. Congressman whose 13th District includes Hudson County.

Democracy dictates that every ethnic group that votes would be able to have their views voiced by their duly elected representatives, and that those officials should not have to kowtow to outside pressure. For all practical purposes we will not see another black mayor in Jersey City if the powers that be continue to support one ego, at the expense of another.

It has been hinted that newly elected state Senator Joseph Charles, an African American leader who has more than 22 years in the state legislature, may be challenged by the Democratic party as a result of political fallout from the ego trips of Menendez and Cunningham. This is a real problem. That may be how the political game is played, but given what is at stake in the black community - economic development, housing, education and health care - this is no game.

It is appalling that although Senators Jon Corzine and Robert Torricelli and Governor James E. McGreevey enjoyed a significant black vote, two of our most promising black leaders have been undermined, and we as black people community, clergy, politicians are not seeing the handwriting on the wall.

On the eve on these southern political assassinations, we need to look closely at our officials here in New Jersey who have begun to employ the same tactics for taking our voice, our issues, our concerns and our people out of the decision making position for the need for power of a few.

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War with Iraq: An international itch President Bush wants so badly to scratch

by Lloyd Williams

"Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can
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You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will live as one."
—Imagine by John Lennon—

It's been a year since the tragic events of September 11th and the whole world knows President Bush is just itching to wage war with Iraq. What's up with that? We've already spent billions bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age, and after a year we still don't know whether Osama bin Laden's dead or alive. More importantly, we're no closer to knowing whether a terrorist attack will happen here, again.

So Bush, who has become indistinguishable from the look-a-like who does the goofy impersonation of him on The Tonight Show, now wants the

head of Saddam Hussein. What about the millions of Iraqis standing in between? Spilling more Arab blood is not the answer. Killing for peace is as much a contradiction in terms as fornicating for virginity. You can't get there from here.

The need is not for more bombs and body bags, but for more tolerance. "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind," Gandhi once said, "If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children." Who are we to disagree, despite the profound sense of loss and the lingering, bitter after taste left by last year's attack on the World Trade Center.

The only way to eliminate an enemy permanently is either through ethnic cleansing or through the type of commitment to understanding that would transform a foe to a friend. Which course would be better for us to take today? America already tried extermination when it dealt with the so-called Indians said to be standing in the

way of progress. And that blot on this country's legacy is an indelible stain of shame.

Sadly, at this critical moment for all of humanity, we are stuck with a leader in our President who looks rather limited, especially when it comes to considering non-lethal options. The truth be told, Bush is a weak-willed, nepotism-made man who's being worked by the Vice President in the name of domestic corporations with an interest in Persian Gulf oil.

Don't kid yourself, everything in the United States is about maximizing profits, even when it comes to war. The capitalist system mandates that. Many a fortune was forged on the field of battle. So, before we rubber-stamp the administration's pre-emptive strike against Iraq as the hub of an Axis of Evil, let's at least take the time to wonder whether Arabs love their children, too.

Attorney Lloyd Williams is a member of the US Supreme Court bar.

A wake-up call for African American legislators to form a solid organization

by Ron Walters

I've had my say on the fact that two black incumbent members of Congress lost their seats, so let me raise another angle to this significant event and suggest that what happened was a wake-up call for members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and black politicians everywhere.

The plain fact is that many elections have attracted lots of money but that alone hasn't affected the outcome because the incumbents were highly organized. You can discern something about the qualities that blacks value in their leaders by looking at Frederick Douglass, Marcus Garvey, A. Phillip Randolph, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr. and others who were courageous, outspoken and who were often at odds with those they counted as their constituents. That's what leadership is often about. But they were able to build organizations that helped them to pursue a plausible agenda for black America.

So, how good are black elected officials at organizing their constituencies? It would seem that for members of legislative bodies, where a sense of moderation is expected in their behavior, their constituents must be prepared for an opinion that appears to go against the

grain, i.e., constituents must be educated to understand the importance of the issue. This presupposes that there is an organization through which such education can occur.

Organizing takes some skill, not just "appearances" at the right functions, speeches in the right churches and other venues, or dependence on the groups such as key ministers and labor leaders. It is about controlling an organization that has been involved with the shaping of the member's opinions. Such constituents will work hard for an elected official because they are motivated to do so by the trust that provides a bedrock of support in hard times.

At the least this means that there must be persistent and effective communication. The 21st District caucus in Cleveland was the brain child of Carl Stokes, the city's first black mayor in the 1970s and that was inherited and strengthened by Louis Stokes when he came to Congress. The caucus was an organization that could deliver votes and did so because the leaders were involved in political process.

In contrast, when I asked a newly elected candidate if he was going to organize a group that could help him stay on course with respect to community issues, he seemed not to know what I was talking about.

Later he said he wasn't going to have one.

What is not known by politicians who do not want the accountability that comes with strong community engagement, is that a weak community base makes them vulnerable to well-financed challengers; and their organization is more important than many of the appearance-type responsibilities they often adopt.

The CBC has an internship program to develop legislative policy analysts, but it appears that there is also a need to develop young political organizers. These are people who are familiar with their districts, who are trained in the skills of providing service and keeping track of critical issues, who also know every crack in the sidewalks and every personality in a neighborhood, who know where voters are and can design systems to bring them out.

Many of the political organizing skills have become so professionalized that the facts of service, human contact, structure and organizing techniques have been obscured. Bringing them back into focus not only leads to good organization, it leads to political survival.

Ron Walters' latest book is "African American Leadership."

Briefs

RICE ENCOURAGES NJ CONTRACTORS

NEWARK — State Sen. Ronald Rice (D-Essex) said he will continue to fight for a bill (S-1679) permitting agencies using public funds for construction to give priority standing to local businesses. "This bill would allow construction in some of our poorer cities to act as a catalyst for very real urban rejuvenation projects," Rice said.

TWO MORE AUTO CARRIERS DEPART

TRENTON — The Independent Insurance Agents of New Jersey (IIANJ), an association representing over 700 insurance agencies throughout the state, is taking a strongly negative stance against the departure of two more insurance companies from the state. The news that Great American Spirit Insurance Company and Twin City Fire Company are selling their business to Palisades Insurance Company follows close on the heels of the news that State Farm Indemnity Company, the state's largest insurance company, will be non-renewing 96,000 policies over the next two years.

UNITED WAY FACES ECONOMY WOES

NEWARK — Banking and Insurance Commissioner Holly C. Bakke opened the Department's first satellite Consumer Center on Tuesday. Consumers can go to the Center for help with banking, insurance and real estate matters, and to get public Internet access to the Department's Web site. The Center is located at 153 Halsey Street.

CABLE REGULATION BILL PASSES SENATE

TRENTON — The senate has passed a bill sponsored by Sen. Richard J. Cody (D-Essex) that seeks state regulation of the cable industry. Cody said cable companies are "legalized monopolies, and the people of New Jersey deserve better."

Newark's 'Renewal Community' program revs up

NEWARK — Mayor Sharpe James announced the start of Newark's efforts to insure that businesses in Newark's Renewal Community (RC), which includes about 60 percent of the city's population, are made aware of the opportunities to reduce their federal tax liabilities.

The RC is public/private partnership designed by the federal government to create jobs and generate community development. Newark was awarded the RC designation

last January and submitted its utilization plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in June.

Mayor James said, "According to HUD, this program is worth up to \$17 billion in tax breaks for the 40 cities that received the highly competitive Renewal Community designation; I intend to see that Newark businesses get more than their fair share."

Tax benefits come in three categories: wage credits,

deductions, and capital gains. James said he is especially eager for any business that may qualify for one of the benefits, to contact city officials immediately.

Newark is authorized under the RC program to allocate \$12 million in commercial revitalization deductions during every calendar year through 2009. The deduction allows businesses that build or improve their facilities in the RC to reduce their federal corporate taxes.

Applications are now avail-

able and are due in early October. Further information about the RC and the commercial revitalization deduction may be obtained by calling 973-733-8410 or 973-733-4331.

"We expect not only our commercial business district, also all of our commercial zones to accelerate their rate of development over the next four years," James said. "The RC tax incentives will make a sweet situation even sweeter for businesses that make Newark their home."



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Health Briefs

Day care, dogs linked to children getting ulcer

New discovery from Italy suggests that children in day care or who have pet dogs are more likely to carry *Helicobacter Pylori*, the bacterium associated with stomach ulcers. Studies suggest that although the bacteria are common in the general population, it happens in early childhood. Researchers are also still trying to determine who is at higher risk of contracting the bug. Previous research has shown that children in less developed nations are more likely to be infected. However, even among kids living in industrialized nations, the risk of infection with *H. pylori* can vary widely among different ethnic groups.

Hearing will examine health disparities in E.O.

EAST ORANGE — Assemblyman Willis Edwards, III recently announced that the Assembly Health and Human Service Committee would come to East Orange on September 19 to hold a public hearing examining the uneven delivery of health care services for urban and minority residents. The racial disparities in health care hearing will be held 11 a.m. at the Cicely Tyson School for the Fine and Performing Arts Auditorium, 161, Elmwood Ave., East Orange, N.J. This event is open to the general public.

Edwards said the committee would take testimony on the racially driven imbalances in medical conditions that commonly affect minority populations — such as asthma and obesity among Hispanics, high infant mortality and low birth weights experienced by African-Americans, and inadequate childhood immunizations among all minorities. Edwards said minority communities also tend to have higher AIDS/HIV infection rates.

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Sickle cell — early diagnosis is crucial

NEWARK — Early diagnosis, parent/patient education, and proper treatment can significantly improve the quality and length of life for patients with sickle cell disease, an inherited blood disorder that affects over 70,000 Americans. It is estimated that more than 2.5 million Americans have the trait, which primarily affects people of African descent, but also those from Italy, Greece, Israel, India, Pakistan, Spain, Central America, the Caribbean and many other ethnic groups.

"Most of the problems associated with sickle cell disease stem from the blockage of blood flow. Some individuals may experience pain in their bones, muscles and the abdomen, and in more serious cases, ulcers, stroke and internal organ damage can occur. These attacks of pain are sudden, severe and can last hours, days or even weeks. Sometimes, a high fever can further complicate the attack," explained Peri Kamalakar, MD, director of the Valerie Fund Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. The Valerie

Fund at Children's Hospital is one of nine designated comprehensive sickle cell treatment programs in New Jersey.

Since 1990, every child born in the State of New Jersey is tested for sickle cell, thalassemia and other hemoglobinopathies, according to Dr. Kamalakar. "Early diagnosis is important so that a child can be referred to a regional sickle cell center like ours, where we provide an education manual and can immediately begin a course of penicillin prophylactic. Prompt attention can minimize complications."

Sickle cell disease is a disorder that causes red blood cells to distort, from a rounded donut shape to a hard sickle or crescent shape. This "sickling" causes the red blood cell to break apart in 15 to 20 days instead of the normal 120 days. The quick turnover in red blood cells in sickle cell patients causes anemia, or a low red blood cell count, sickled red blood cells can also block the blood vessels, preventing the normal flow of oxygen and blood through the body. The blockage causes extreme pain and organ damage.

"Being under the regular care of a health care provider is

key to treatment of sickle cell disease. There is no specific cure for the episodes of pain, however treatment is more effective when complications are identified soon after they occur. Chronic joint pain, enlargement of the heart, decreased vision and stroke are very common and require immediate attention before becoming more serious," added Alice Cohen, MD, director of hematology/oncology for the Flo Okin Oncology Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Dr. Cohen recommends people with sickle cell disease consider the following precautions: the pneumococcal vaccine to prevent infections of the respiratory system; preventative antibiotics before a dental procedure; a daily folic acid supplement to prevent a deficiency of this nutrient; an annual eye exam to detect eye problems early; and prompt visits to a health care provider at any sign of infection, including fever and chills. Newark Beth Israel and Children's Hospital offer a weekly Sickle Cell Support Group that is open to patients, family and friends. For more information, call (973) 926-6886.



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Parents' risky behavior rubs off on children

Parents who smoke and drink and generally do not take care of their health may influence their children to do the same, according to a new study that links parents' risky behavior to early sexual activity in teens.

"Adolescents whose parents engage in risky behavior, especially smoking, are especially likely to be sexually active. They are also more likely to smoke, drink, associate with substance-using peers and participate in delinquent activity," say study co-authors Esther I. Wilder of Lehman College and Toni Terling Watt, Ph.D., of Southwest Texas State University.

Adolescents of parents who smoked were around 50 percent more likely to have had sex. They were also more likely to have had sex by age 15. Wilder and Watt report in the September issue of the *Milbank Quarterly*.

Teens with parents who drink heavily tend to drink as well, and teen alcohol use is closely linked to the early onset of sexual activity, they explain. For boys, but not girls, parents' failure to wear seat belts is associated with a modest increased likelihood of adolescent sex.

"Because parents serve as important role models for their children, it stands to reason that parents who exhibit unsafe behaviors are especially likely to have children with similar tendencies," the researchers say.

In contrast, high levels of supervision by parents resulted in a reduced likelihood of sexual activity in some children. Boys whose fathers are present at key times of the day—when the leave and return from school and bed time—are less likely to be sexually active, as are girls whose mothers are present at those times. However, mothers' presence has no impact on boys' likelihood of being sexually active and fathers' presence has no impact on girls.

The researchers used data collected for the

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, which includes information on sexual behavior for approximately 19,000 adolescents in grades 7 through 12. The data set also provides information on risky health behaviors, such as smoking, drinking heavily and not using a seat belt, for one parent in each teen's household.

Among the respondents, 37 percent of girls and 39 percent of boys reported having had sex. Nearly two-thirds of these adolescents used a contraceptive, most often a condom, at first intercourse.

According to Wilder and Watt, however, unsafe parental behavior had little or no effect on whether the sexually active teen uses contraceptives during his or her sexual encounter.

The researchers found little to explain why some teenagers use contraceptives and others do not, although the study did show that one of the strongest predictors was the year in which the adolescent first had sex. Teenagers who first had sex in 1991 or later were more likely to use contraceptives, likely reflecting the greater awareness of sexually transmitted diseases inspired, in part, by the AIDS activism movement.

Teenagers whose parents engage in risky health behaviors are also more likely to engage in other risky behaviors, such as smoking, drinking, associating with peers who use drugs and other delinquent behavior such as stealing and damaging property, the study shows.

"Given the importance of parental risk in explaining both early sexual activity and a host of problem behaviors linked to contraceptive non-use," the researchers say, "public health campaigns that urge parents to act responsibly by engaging in health-conscious behaviors are likely to help reduce precocious and unsafe sexual activity among teens."

Black law enforcement officers ask for U.S. Attorney to take over Central Park jogger case amid new DNA results

By M. Scheryl Gant

As Manhattan prosecutors investigate a claim by a convicted murderer and rapist that he attacked the victim in the racially charged Central Park jogger case in 1989, a group of African American law enforcement officers have challenged

"When you look at the confessions (of the six convicted teenagers in this case) it does not fit the physical evidence."

— Eric Adams

the validity of the confession that resulted the conviction of a six black and Hispanic teenagers for the crime. Lawyers for the defendants have petitioned the courts to reverse the convictions.

"It is our position that anytime there is an emotional case, or a case that impact on the social fiber of the city or the country, we should not allow our thirst for incarceration to supersede our desire for justice," Eric Adams, the co-founder of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care told City News recently.

The case is regarded as one

of the most savage incidents in the city's crime annals and resulted in highly charged racial tension. The jogger, a 28-year-old white investment banker was brutally raped, beaten and left for dead in Central Park. About 30 teenagers were picked up during a wild spree through in the park, where several people were assaulted.

The New York City based law enforcement organization has sent a letter to the office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau and the U. S. Attorney's office in the Southern District, requesting that the U. S. Attorney take over the case and conduct the investigation, although all but one of the youth, Kharey Wise, have completed their sentence. Five of the convicted youth were age 15 or younger at the time of the incident, and all have maintained their innocence, despite their confessions, which they said were coerced.

"The most important reason why we are in this case is because confession must be compared to physical evidence that any investigator in the case is aware of. When you look at the confessions (of the six convicted teenagers) it does not fit the physical evidence," Adams said going on to explain that the youth had confessed to rap-

ing the victim. The DNA testing performed with new forensic technology has confirmed that the genetic evidence taken from the victim did in fact match that of a convicted rapist and murderer who confessed to the attacks following a religious conversion.

"None of their (the six youth) DNA was at the scene. The call to reopen the case is not a desire to protect guilty black youth who committed an awful crime, but it is to protect the system of justice," Adams said that if the youth were guilty of attacking others in the park, they should be charged with that crime, but not unfairly be made to register as sex offenders for the rest of their

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— Eric Adams

"This case is important because it highlights why it is imperative that African Americans are in the law enforcement community because of the complexity surrounding interrogations and confessions," Adams said explaining that African American have historically fallen victim to past investigative injustices. He cited the famed Boston case where a black male signed a 68-page confession during a "lynch mob" climate of "overzealous" policing and prosecuting. Later it was revealed that the husband of a white female murdered had her and inflamed the community and nation by alleging by a black male committed the crime.

Adams said the police often employ legal, but tricky information gathering tactics during what he called "the art of the interrogation process." In the Central Park case the youth were each "questioned for 20 continuous hours without food or sleep," he said, adding that the police are allowed by law to get suspects to admit to a small role in a crime, but to implement another suspect in the more egregious acts.

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emphasizing that these methods have been used successfully to find criminals. Adams also said that some of the information given to the jury in the Central Park case was not factual.

By reopening case, the U. S. Attorney would, "reinforces the faith that people of color throughout this state have in the criminal justice system, and it will allow those who are the original investigators to show that they conducted their prosecution in an unbiased fashion," Adams said.

McCall wins NY Governor race primary

By J. Zamgla Browne
Special to the NNPA from
Amsterdam News

NEW YORK — Comptroller H. Carl McCall knew he was leading by a comfortable margin in the polls in his bid to become New York's first African-American governor. But perhaps never in his wildest dreams did he ever think this would be enough to scare his principal rival, former Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, into throwing in the towel right in the middle of the race.

Cuomo, a former housing secretary in the Clinton administration, told a packed press conference that he would throw his full support behind McCall. His running mate, Charlie King, did likewise.

"I would like nothing more at this point than to see the defeat of Governor George Pataki," Cuomo declared. He urged his supporters to rally behind McCall's candidacy.

"We Democrats must unite in our efforts to defeat Pataki



H. Carl McCall greets supporters while campaigning in New York. and restore viable leadership to the state of New York," said Cuomo. He cited a number of reasons for his stunning decision. One was that he ran a lopsided and undisciplined campaign that at times was marred by divisive and racially controversial issues, which seemed to favor his opponent, McCall.

Many of Cuomo's supporters looked on with grim faces and some appeared dumfounded. Russell Simmons said he

was willing to jump on McCall's bandwagon, provided he is convinced about the comptroller's agenda.

"I am concerned about economic justice, prison reform, education and a progressive agenda that would fight against poverty and ignorance," Simmons said, adding he hopes McCall would come up with an agenda or platform that affects the lives of people, especially the poor, across the

Empire State. Simmons said he and people like Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., Min. Benjamin Muhammad and Martin Luther King III became staunch Cuomo supporters because he had an aggressive agenda to challenge that spoke for all New Yorkers, especially the poor. He called for an agenda that would challenge Pataki's mean-spirited policies in the areas of education, economic development and affordable housing.

McCall said he appreciated the support of Cuomo and that of his running mate, Charlie King, and their decision to join with him and his running mate, Dennis Mehiel, in the fight to bring educational excellence and economic opportunity, and to get New York moving again.

He called Cuomo's pledge to support his candidacy a "great triumph of what is possible in this country and the power of the American Dream." He said while he was growing up, his family didn't have much, but through hard work and a good education, he was

able to succeed. McCall used the occasion to criticize Pataki's leadership. He said that after almost eight years, it's clear that Pataki lacks the leadership and vision to move the state forward.

"The governor has time and again turned his back and shirked his responsibility on issues important to us," McCall said. McCall said he and his running mate, Mehiel, are ready to get New York moving again to improve "our schools, rebuild our economy, make health care more affordable and accessible, and create new hope and opportunity."

Later in the week, in a demonstration of unity, strength and a commitment to improving public schools and creating economic opportunity, the Democratic ticket and party leaders launched their general election campaign on the steps of City Hall. Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said, "Our party is unified behind a great candidate with a timely message of renewal and resurgence. Carl McCall will make history."

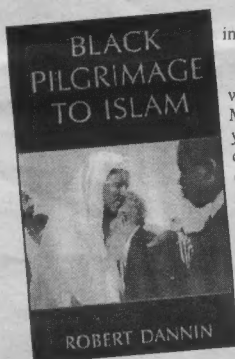
Black pilgrimage to Islam: Written by Robert Dannin

Published by Oxford University Press

Review by Kam Williams

"Almost 90% of the converts to Islam in the United States are African-Americans, a trend whose meaning has not been lost to prominent Muslims who desire to build a political coalition with the goal of enhancing their position in American society. The alliance of the Muslim Political Action Committee with Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign was only one example of this attitude."

—Robert Dannin
in Introduction—



What do the words "black Muslims" mean to you? If they only conjure up images of Malcolm X and Minister Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam (NOI), then have I got a book for you. That controversial sect certainly came to prominence in 1959 with the air-

ing of *The Hate that Hate Produced*, the ratings-grabbing CBS documentary on which Malcolm indicted all white people as devils.

The media, ever inclined to sensational-

ize, would continue to mislead the populace by continually linking African-Americans with that divisive brand of Islam. But the truth is that, both before and after the emergence of the NOI, most Muslims here who were black adhered to the traditional tenets of the religion as dictated by the Koran.

Fortunately, In *Black Pilgrimage to Islam*, Robert Dannin has produced a most informative, almost encyclopedic history of the entire Black Muslim movement in this country. Dannin, an anthropology professor at New York University, collaborated with photographer Jolie Stahl, thoroughly researching his subject matter for fifteen years, culling through rare documents and conducting hundreds of interviews.

Thus, the reader learns that the earliest evidence of Islamic roots in the black community came from Muslim slaves brought from Africa. And that many of the traditions survived despite the inhumane treatment and pressures to convert to Christianity. The author, however, devotes more of his attention to the early 20th Century, when Islam began to get a foothold in the urban communities of cities like Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, St. Louis and Chicago.

In the last ten years alone, the number of practicing black Muslims has increased 200%, a stunning statistic. The rise is no doubt due, in part, to the simultaneously skyrocketing rate of incarceration. For prison has long been a place

where young black men, such as Malcolm X, have been more prone to recruitment and conversion.

The book also focuses intensely on the women of Islam, many of whom have bitterly abandoned the religion, uniformly bitter, babied and broke. They complain most frequently about their subjugation and the one-sided, widespread practice of polygamy, which allows their men to procreate like mad. One likened her ex-husband to a welfare pimp, as he married frequently, fathering many more children than he could ever afford, fully expecting each wife to turn to the government for financial support.

Not only does this riveting book offer a fascinating mix of facts, accounts, anecdotes and pictures, but it never shies away from tackling the obvious questions implied by about the prospects for orthodox Islam in light of the events of 9-11. Can Islam redeem people from lives riddled with drugs and crime? Is Islam a less racist religion than Christianity? Is Islam a practical answer for blacks still looking to shed the legacy of slavery and for a proper place in American society? Will black women adhere to a religion, which requires so much modesty of them? Can African-Americans finally find political power, so elusive at home, through solidarity with Arabs and other Muslims around the world?

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For the first time since the sessions, Bluebird Jazz comprehensively compiles all known surviving takes in the 2CD set. This is Oscar Peterson, an upbeat collection of swinging standards and swift blues all infused with a boogie-woogie feel. While this style did not represent Peterson then or now, he made the recordings upon the insistence of the studio that was looking for "hit" material. However, the music offers insight on the ebullient style Peterson would later develop. As reissue liner note writer John McDonough points out, "This brief yet decisive career window, which took him from small clubs in Montreal to his Carnegie Hall debut... documents [his] prime early choices, during which Peterson honed virtuosity into concept, form and ...wit..."

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SNOW PLOWING AND ICE REMOVAL FOR VARIOUS HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FACILITIES FOR THE 2002 - 2004 WINTER SNOW SEASON.

The specifications may be obtained at the Housing Authority of the County of Morris, 99 Ketch Road, Morris Township, New Jersey.

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and the words "SNOW PLOWING - HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FACILITIES", and presented in person. The proposal when submitted shall be accompanied by a Non-Collusion Affidavit.

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The right to reject any or all bids and to waive immaterial formalities is reserved.

Robert L. Strater
 Executive Director

Housing Authority of the County of Morris
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GRANT PLANNING AND APPLICATION SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
 Garfield Court Administrative Offices
 P.O. Box 337
 Long Branch, NJ 07740

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch (LBHA) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms or individuals to act as Consultants in the planning and application for a HOPE VI Program to be filed in 2003. The successful proposer shall be completely familiar with the Public Housing Program and shall have the ability to understand and interpret HUD's Notification of Funding (NOFA) for the HOPE VI Program.

Further information about the Long Branch Housing Authority, the scope of required services, the proposal evaluation criteria and the form of contract can be obtained from the Authority at the Garfield Court Administrative Offices at any time between the regular business hours of 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday beginning Thursday, September 19, 2002. Questions regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) can be directed to Robert M. Braun, AIA, Modernization Coordinator at (732) 222-3747 at extension 129 or emailed to rbraun@lbhousing.org.

Proposals are to be submitted to the Authority no later than Friday, October 18, 2002 at 4:00 PM in the afternoon. Proposers shall submit an original and three (3) copies of their proposal in a sealed envelope clearly labeled: PROPOSAL - GRANT PLANNING AND APPLICATION SERVICES, with the firm's or individual's name and full address. Proposals submitted without due regard for the Instructions to Proposers shall not be considered.

Tyrone Garrett, PHM, Executive Director
 Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch

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All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and clearly marked "On Call" Plumbing Repair.

The information for bidder, form of bid and specification may be reviewed and obtained at the offices of the Long Branch Housing Authority at any time during the regular business hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday starting September 16, 2002. After September 16, 2002 telephone the Long Branch Housing Authority at (732) 222-3747 ext. 110 with any questions.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certification by the bidder regarding equal opportunity employment practice.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Jersey Department of Transportation, pursuant to Public Law 100-17, Section 106 (c) of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Act of 1987 and 49 CFR, Part 26, is proposing an annual goal of eleven and one-tenth percent (11.1%) for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation on federally-assisted highway projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2003 (commencing October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003). The NJDOT further proposes that it will attain eight and six-tenths percent (8.6%) of the DBE goal through race and gender-neutral means, and two and five-tenths percent (2.5%) through race-conscious project DBE goals.

Documentation describing how the New Jersey Department of Transportation determined its annual DBE goal is available for inspection during normal business hours at the Department's principal office listed below for a period of thirty (30) days following publication of this notice.

This is not a notice of formal rulemaking, however, both the Federal Highway Administration and the New Jersey Department of Transportation will accept comments, for informational purposes only, on the aforementioned DBE goal for a period of forty-five (45) days following the publication of this notice at the following addresses:

New Jersey Department of Transportation
 Division of Civil Rights/Affirmative Action
 P.O. Box 600
 1035 Parkway Avenue - 1st floor E & O Bldg
 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0600
 Attn: Victoria Rivera-Cruz, Esq., Director
 Division of Civil Rights and Affirmative Action

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It is the Authority's desire to retain and employ a qualified Independent Public Auditor (IPA) in order to audit the books and accounts of the Authority. All services must be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and conducted in such a manner as to meet all regulatory auditing requirements of the State of New Jersey.

The services will encompass all of the Housing Authority's programs including, but not limited to, Public Housing (59 units), Section 8 Vouchers (248), Capital Fund Program (CFP) and Family Self Sufficiency Program.

The DHA RFP may be obtained by contacting Kathleen E. Lynch, at 973-361-9444 or picked up at the DHA's office. The DHA is an EEO employer.

A copy of the candidates resume should be attached to the proposal listing all previous experience and qualifications. Proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to the Authority on or before 2:00PM on September 24, 2002. The address is as follows:

Kathleen E. Lynch, Executive Director
 Housing Authority Town of Dover
 215 E. Blackwell Street
 Dover, New Jersey 07801

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority, located at 1 Parkside Street, Somerset, New Jersey, on **September 25, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.** prevailing time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in bid and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

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The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Offices of the Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained after 10:00 a.m., September 5, 2002 at said offices upon payment by check or bank draft in the amount of \$100.00 payable to the "Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin" for each set. **DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE MAILED. PAYMENT FOR DOCUMENTS IS NON-REFUNDABLE.**

The Successful Contractor will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond, written by a surety in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury, as the Authority may prescribe and with such sureties as they may approve.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Small Business State of NJ Tax workshop from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. For registration call 908-753-7364.

New Brunswick — A two-day Surrender to Knowledge: Anti-Failure Summit and Back to School Talent Showcase for the Renaissance Community Youth and Parents will be held at the McKinley Community School, 35 Van Dyke. For info call (732) 249-1947.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Iselin — Gov. James E. McGreevey will address the NAACP's New Jersey State Convention at the Woodbridge Sheraton Hotel. For more info call 908-753-7073.

Newark — The Women's Housing Initiative hosts an educational event from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Essex County College, 303 University Ave. For info call 973-643-8800.

Rahway — The Rahway Center Partnership presents its Second Annual Baby Day Parade from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For info call 732-396-3545.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Westfield — The Raritan Valley Rail Coalition NJ Transit public meeting will be held in the Town Court Room, 425 East Broad St., at 8:15 a.m. For info call (908) 231-7000, ext. 7239.

Business

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

Basking Ridge — A Procurement Workshop for Veteran-Owned Businesses will be held at the NJIT Defense Procurement Center at 8:00 a.m. For info call 908-527-1166.

Iselin — A Software Licensing Seminar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place. For info call 973-379-4800.

Maplewood — Essex County presents a free business work-

shop session at the Maplewood Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 973-621-4449.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newark — Rutgers University host the CDC Leadership Conference in Paul Robeson Campus Ctr. from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For info call 973-624-6676.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Princeton — NJ Commerce Secretary William D. Watley addresses the International Trade Network at 12:00 p.m. at the Nassau Club. For more info call Richard Miller at 609-921-3322.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Jersey City — Small Business workshop hosted by Pushkin Management Group, LLC at 1841 Kennedy Blvd. 2nd. fl. For more info call 201-332-4618.

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East Orange — The Blood Center of NJ accepting blood donations. For info call 1-800-433-6522.

Irvine — Every Wednesday Irvington General Hospital will hold a Women's HIV/AIDS Support Group at 10:00 a.m. For more info call 973-275-0210.

Livingston — Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month Saint Barnabas Medical Center will hold an Ovarian Cancer Support Group. For more information call 973-322-2414.

Jackson — Every 2nd and 4th Thursday Kimball Medical Center will hold a Cancer Support Group at 4:00 p.m. For info call 732-359-9667.

Lakewood — Kimball Medical Center will hold Nicotine Anonymous Support Group every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For info call 732-886-4748.

Newark — Newark Beth Israel Medical Center will hold a Breast Cancer Patient Support Group. For more info call 973-926-7609.

Newark — Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is offering a Look Good, Feel Good Program. For info call 973-322-5000 ext. 22668.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

Belleville — The Women's Center at Clara Maass offers a Stress Management workshop series for three consecutive Wednesdays, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For info call 973-450-2890.

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Hackensack — The Bergen County Department of Health Services and New Hope Baptist Church host a free health fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the corner of First Street and Berdan Place.

Newark — Newark Beth Israel will hold Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group meeting at 4:30 p.m. For more info call 1-800-883-1180.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 - 22

New Brunswick — The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital will have a Coping with Depression Support Group at 7:00 p.m. Call 732-937-8594.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

New Brunswick — The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital will host a Parkinson Disease Support Group from 12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info call 732-745-7520.

Newark — Hopewell Adult Medical Day Care will host a Community Brunch at the future home of the Hopewell Adult Medical Day Care at 11:00 a.m. For more info call 973-799-0900.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

NJ Department of Health and Senior Services and the NJ Commission on aging will launch a statewide walking program for adults, age 50 and older. For more info call 609-943-3498.

Englewood — Prostate screenings will be held at Englewood Hospital. For more info call 1-201-336-6335.

Plainfield — City of Plainfield Health Department will sponsor a Health Fair from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For info call 908-226-4900.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Morristown — The Kidney &

Urology Foundation is hosting its inaugural "WALK the WALK for Research & Awareness of Prostate Disease" at Sunrise Lake in Lewis Morris County Park. For more info call 1-800-633-6628.

New Brunswick — The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital will have Maternity Tour at 3:30 p.m. For more info call 732-418-8110.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Newark — City Dept. of Health & Human Services will recognize consumer food safety week. Starting Sept. 23-27. Educational program will be held at Food Town at 810 N. 10th St. from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Call 973-733-7570.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Newark — City Dept. of Health & Human Services will recognize consumer food safety week. Educational program will be held at Pathmark at 301 Ferry St. from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more info call 973-733-7570.

Hackensack — Hackensack University Medical Center is offering a weight loss program for children. For info call 201-996-3205.

Irvington — Irvington General Hospital will host a "Free Balance Test and a Physical Therapy Department Open House" from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 973-399-6371.

New Brunswick — The Robert Wood Johnson University will hold Epilepsy Support Group at 7:30 p.m. For info call 1-732-235-6781.

South Orange — Family Intervention Services will hold the Alzheimer's Association Caregiver group meeting at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 1-800-883-1180.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

Newark — City Dept. of Health & Human Services will recognize consumer food safety week, at the

FoodTown of Ivy Hill at 543 Irvington Ave. from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Call 973-733-7570.

WED, SEPT. 25 - NOV. 27

Hackensack — Hackensack University Medical Center is offering a Weight Loss Program for Adults from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more info call 201-393-7460.

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WED. SEPT 18 - SUN. SEPT 29

Newark — African Globe presents "Driving Miss Daisy". For info call 973-624-1584.

THURS, SEPT 19 - SEPT 22

Stanhope — The Ninth Biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival will be held at the historic Waterloo Village. For info call 973-540-8443.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newark — A music lab is held every Friday for live bands and unsigned talent. For more info call 973-624-1584.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Newark — NJPAC Women's Board Spotlight Gala celebrates the sixth season with Lionel Richie. For more info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Newark — Book signing of Edna Rene Coleman Jones's book "Our Creation Book of Poetry" at New Salem Baptist Church at 130 W. Kinney St. at 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The Newark Community Concert Choir will celebrate its 5th Anniversary in concert, 7:00 p.m., at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 149 Springfield Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

New Brunswick — Debut Management presents a "Gospel Showcase" at the Crossroad Theater. Call 908-851-0840.

New York — Museum of the City of New York presents Harlem Lost and Found. A slide lecture about the history and social history of the now vibrant neighborhoods of Harlem. Lecture is at 2:00 p.m.

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